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Enclosed for filing is an informal application for patent as above identified, comprising a specification, claims, abstract and drawings.

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13. Title: "Method and Apparatus for a Computer-Implemented System for the Maintenance of Business Relationship Between a Seller and a Buyer"

14. Priority: None.

15. Drawings: 42 sheets of drawings containing 84 figures

16. Claims: 36 claims

Please accept the application for purposes of granting a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and recognize Richard L. Byrne, Barbara E. Johnson, and Nathan J. Prepelka, Registration Nos. 28,498; 31,198; and 43,016, respectively, as attorneys in this application, pending the filing of a formal Declaration and Power of Attorney and payment of the filing fee. 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).

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